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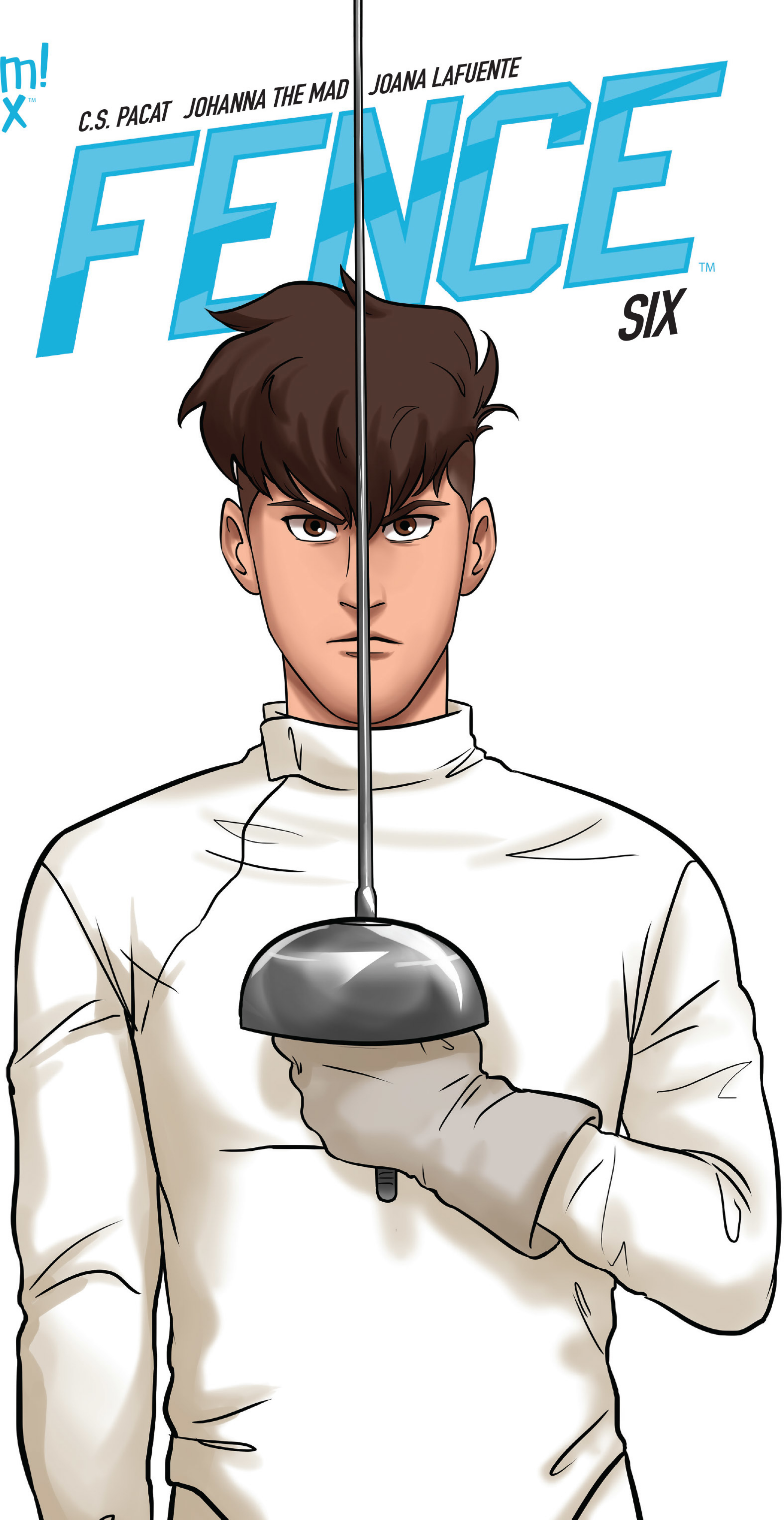

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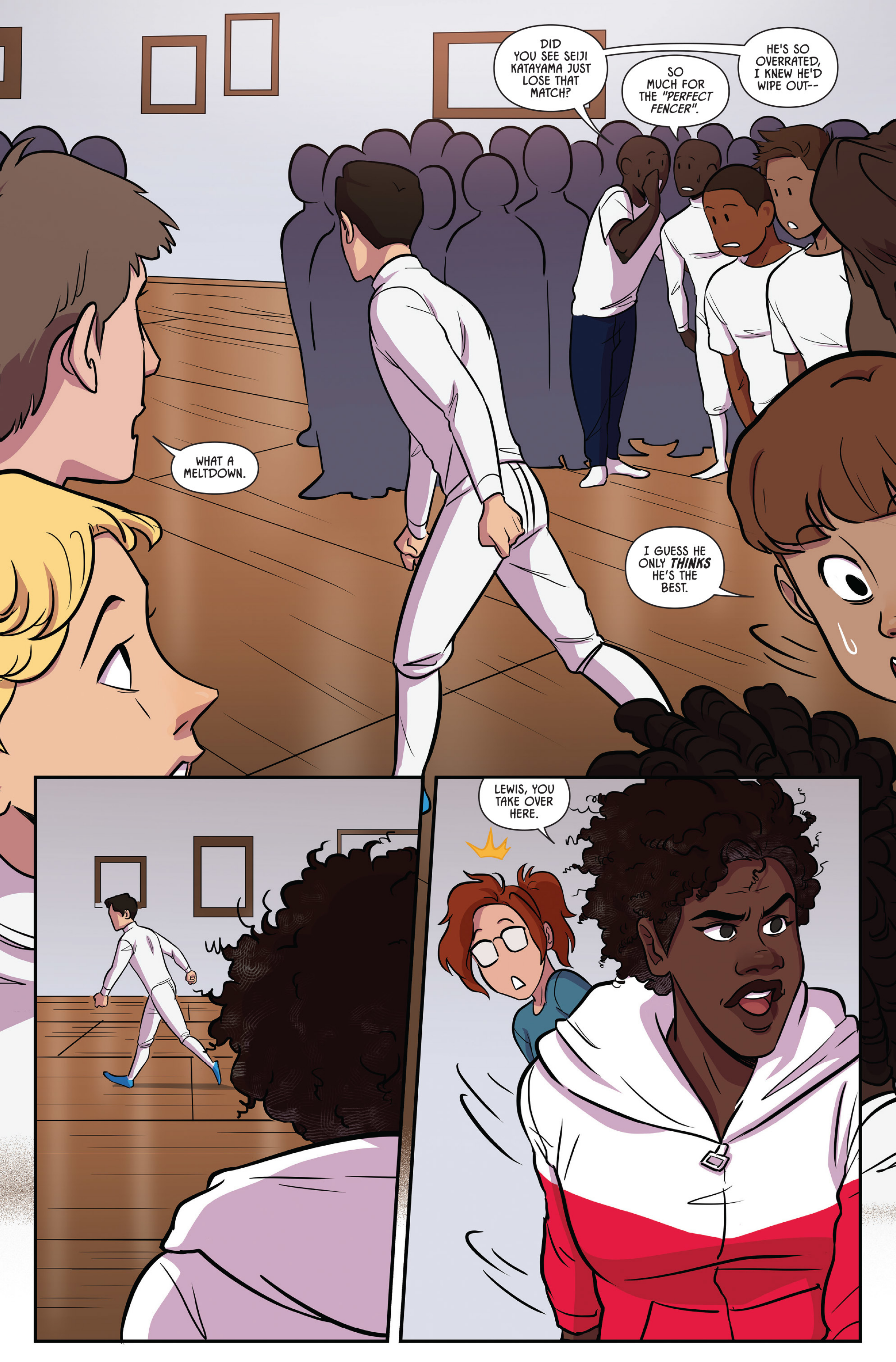
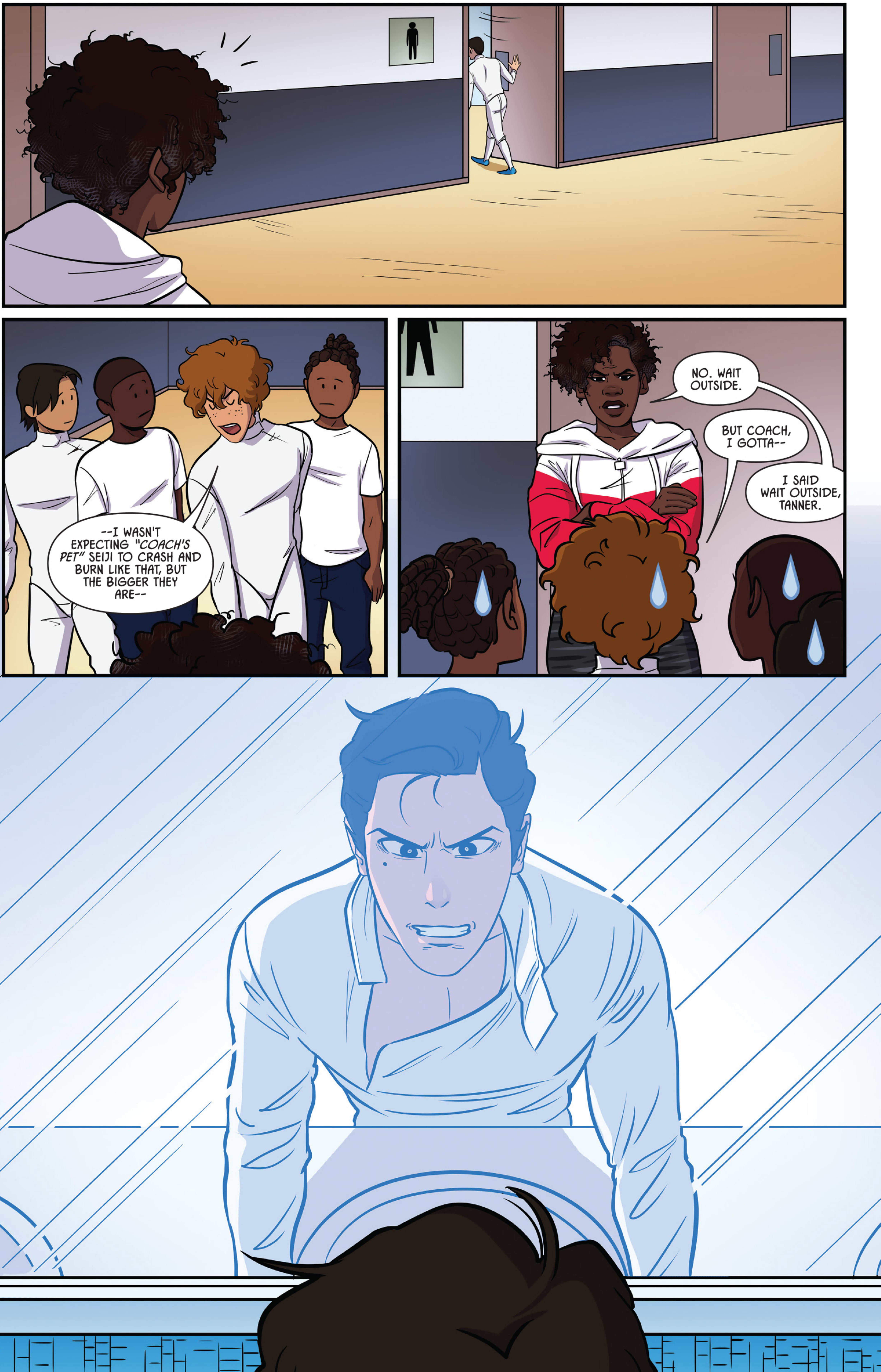
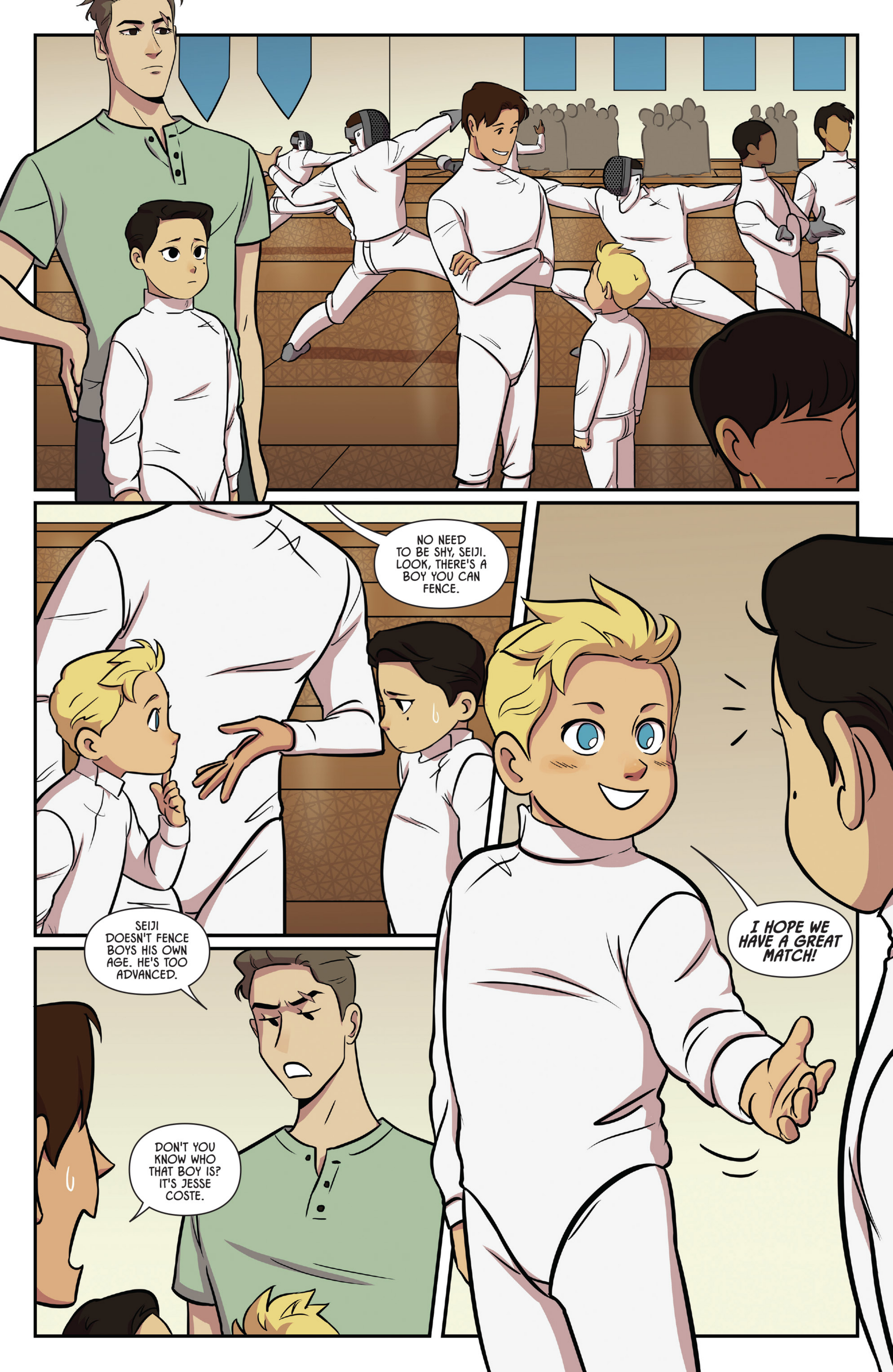
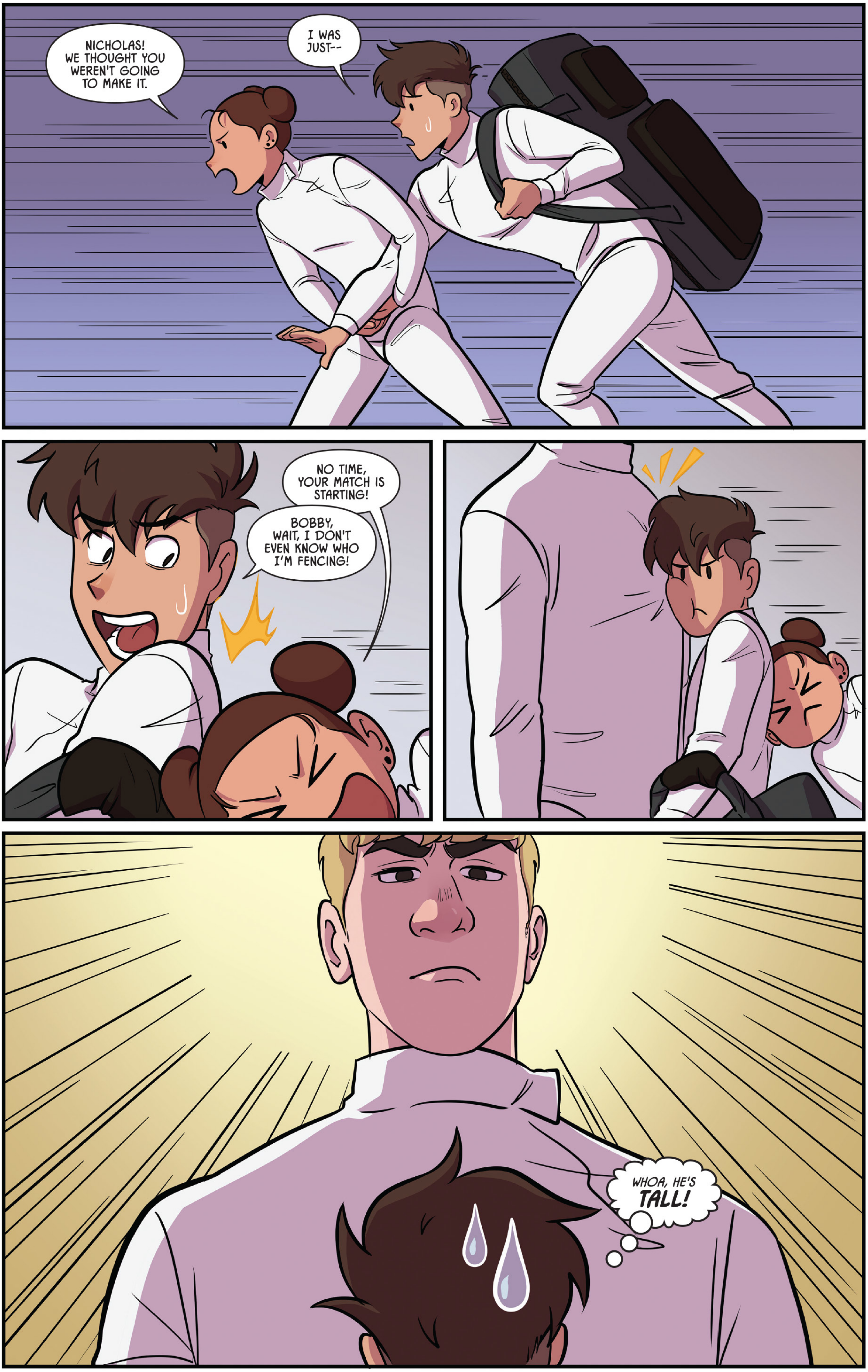
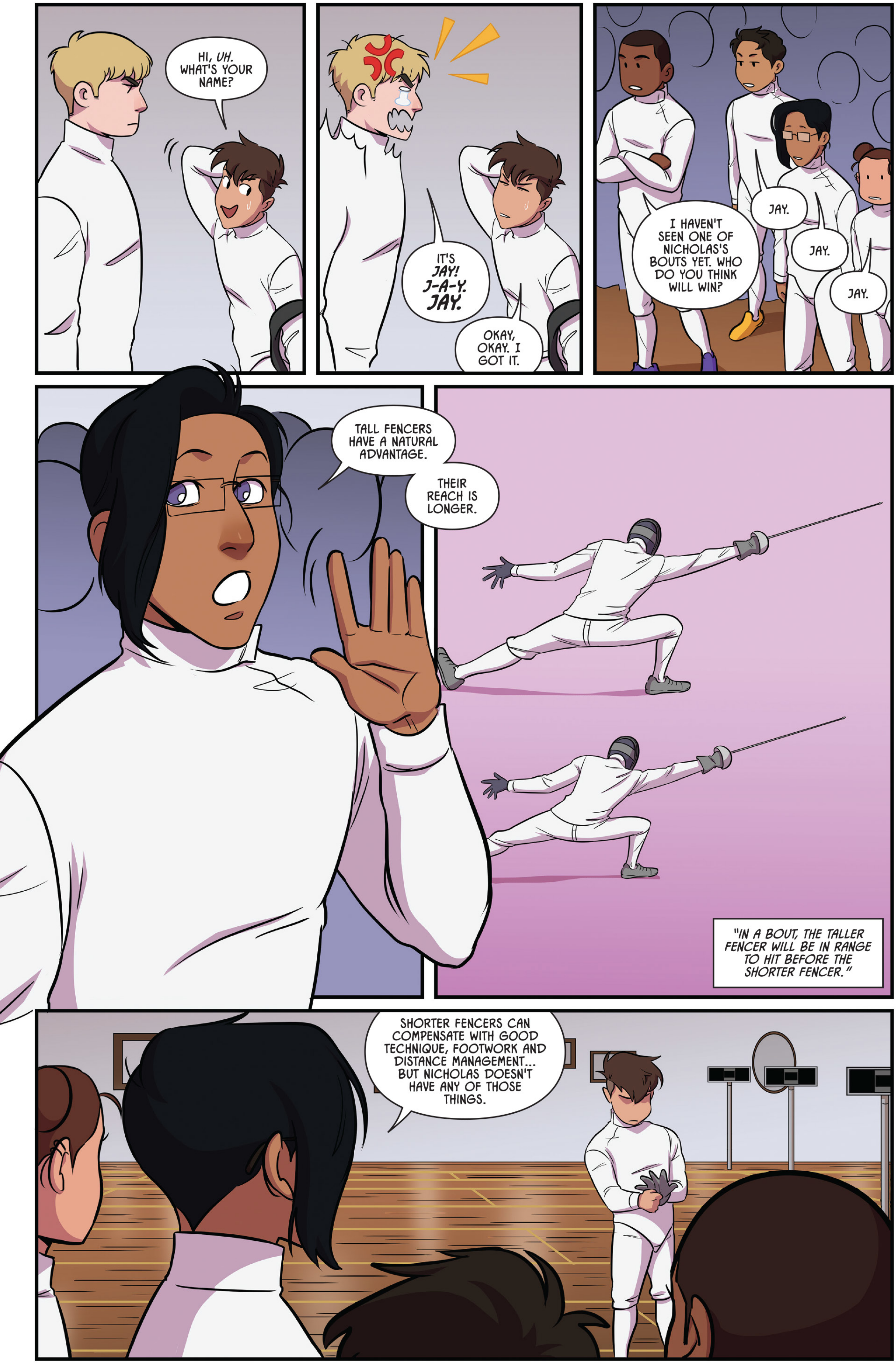
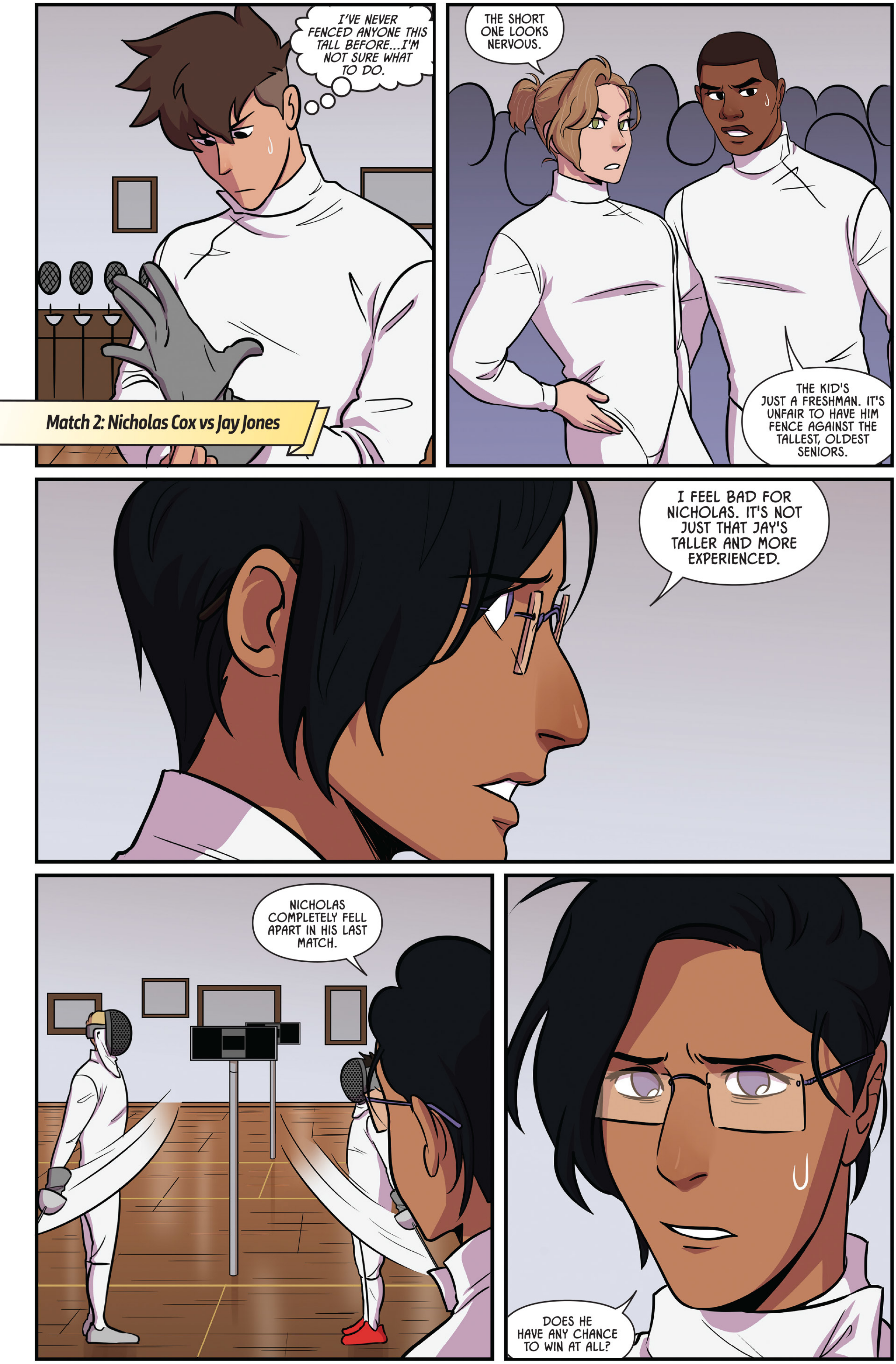

DID YOU SEE SEIJI KATAYAMA JUST LOSE THAT MATCH?
SO MUCH FOR THE *"PERFECT FENCER"*.
HE'S SO OVERRATED, I KNEW HE'D WIPE OUT--
WHAT A MELTDOWN.
I GUESS HE ONLY ***THINKS*** HE'S THE BEST.
LEWIS, YOU TAKE OVER HERE.

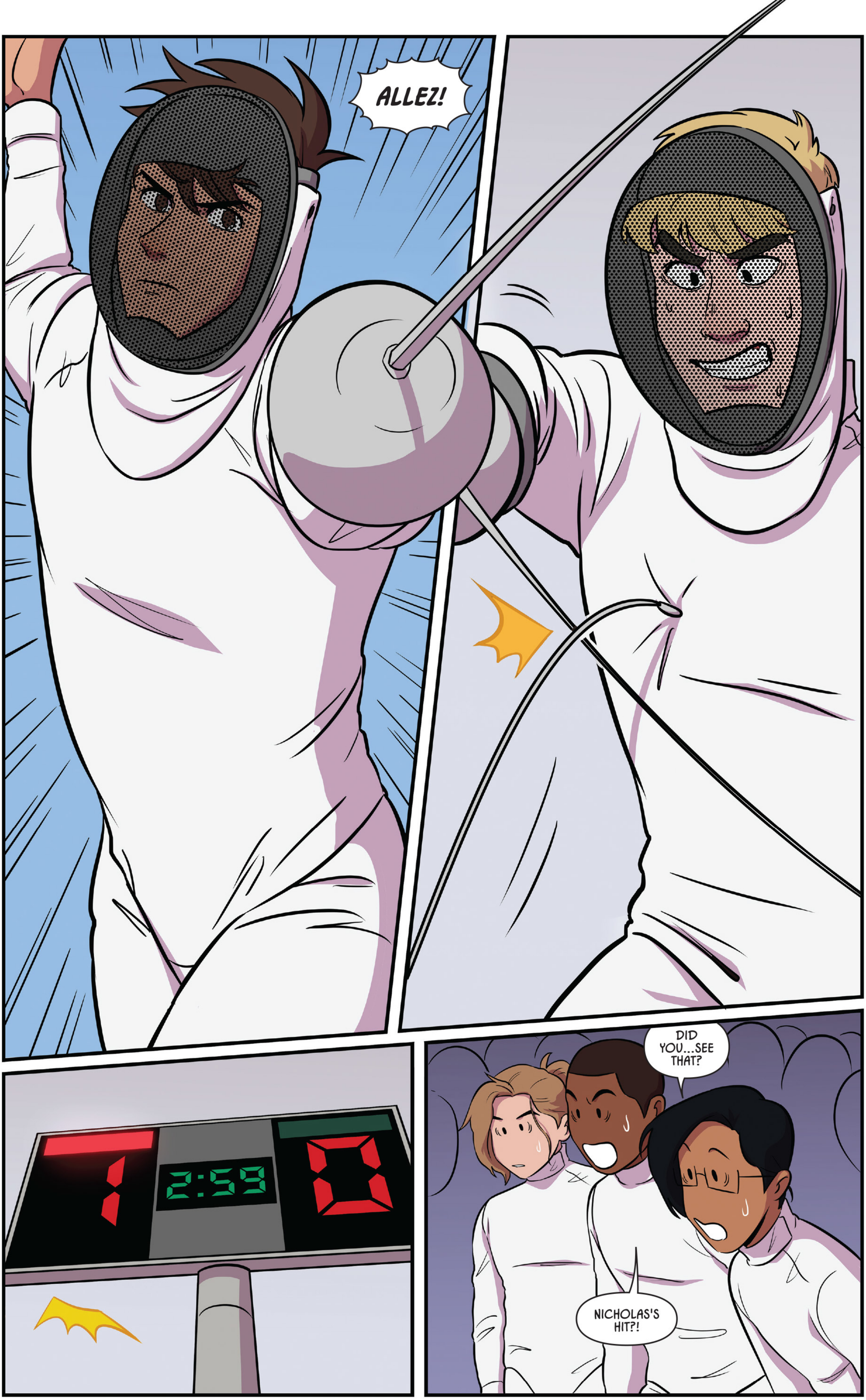

--I WASN'T EXPECTING *"COACH'S PET"* SEIJI TO CRASH AND BURN LIKE THAT, BUT THE BIGGER THEY ARE--
NO. WAIT OUTSIDE.
BUT COACH, I GOTTA--
I SAID WAIT OUTSIDE, TANNER.


NO NEED TO BE SHY, SEIJI. LOOK, THERE'S A BOY YOU CAN FENCE.
SEIJI DOESN'T FENCE BOYS HIS OWN AGE. HE'S TOO ADVANCED.
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO THAT BOY IS? IT'S JESSE COSTE.
I HOPE WE HAVE A GREAT MATCH!


NICHOLAS! WE THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GOING TO MAKE IT.
I WAS JUST--
NO TIME, YOUR MATCH IS STARTING!
BOBBY, WAIT, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO I'M FENCING!
WHOA, HE'S *TALL!*


HI, *UH*. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
IT'S *JAY! J-A-Y. JAY.*
OKAY, OKAY. I GOT IT.
I HAVEN'T SEEN ONE OF NICHOLAS'S BOUTS YET. WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN?
JAY.
JAY.
JAY.
TALL FENCERS HAVE A NATURAL ADVANTAGE.
THEIR REACH IS LONGER.
"IN A BOUT, THE TALLER FENCER WILL BE IN RANGE TO HIT BEFORE THE SHORTER FENCER."
SHORTER FENCERS CAN COMPENSATE WITH GOOD TECHNIQUE, FOOTWORK AND DISTANCE MANAGEMENT... BUT NICHOLAS DOESN'T HAVE ANY OF THOSE THINGS.


I'VE NEVER FENCED ANYONE THIS TALL BEFORE...I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO DO.
Match 2: Nicholas Cox vs Jay Jones
THE SHORT ONE LOOKS NERVOUS.
THE KID'S JUST A FRESHMAN. IT'S UNFAIR TO HAVE HIM FENCE AGAINST THE TALLEST, OLDEST SENIORS.
I FEEL BAD FOR NICHOLAS. IT'S NOT JUST THAT JAY'S TALLER AND MORE EXPERIENCED.
NICHOLAS COMPLETELY FELL APART IN HIS LAST MATCH.
DOES HE HAVE ANY CHANCE TO WIN AT ALL?


ALLEZ!
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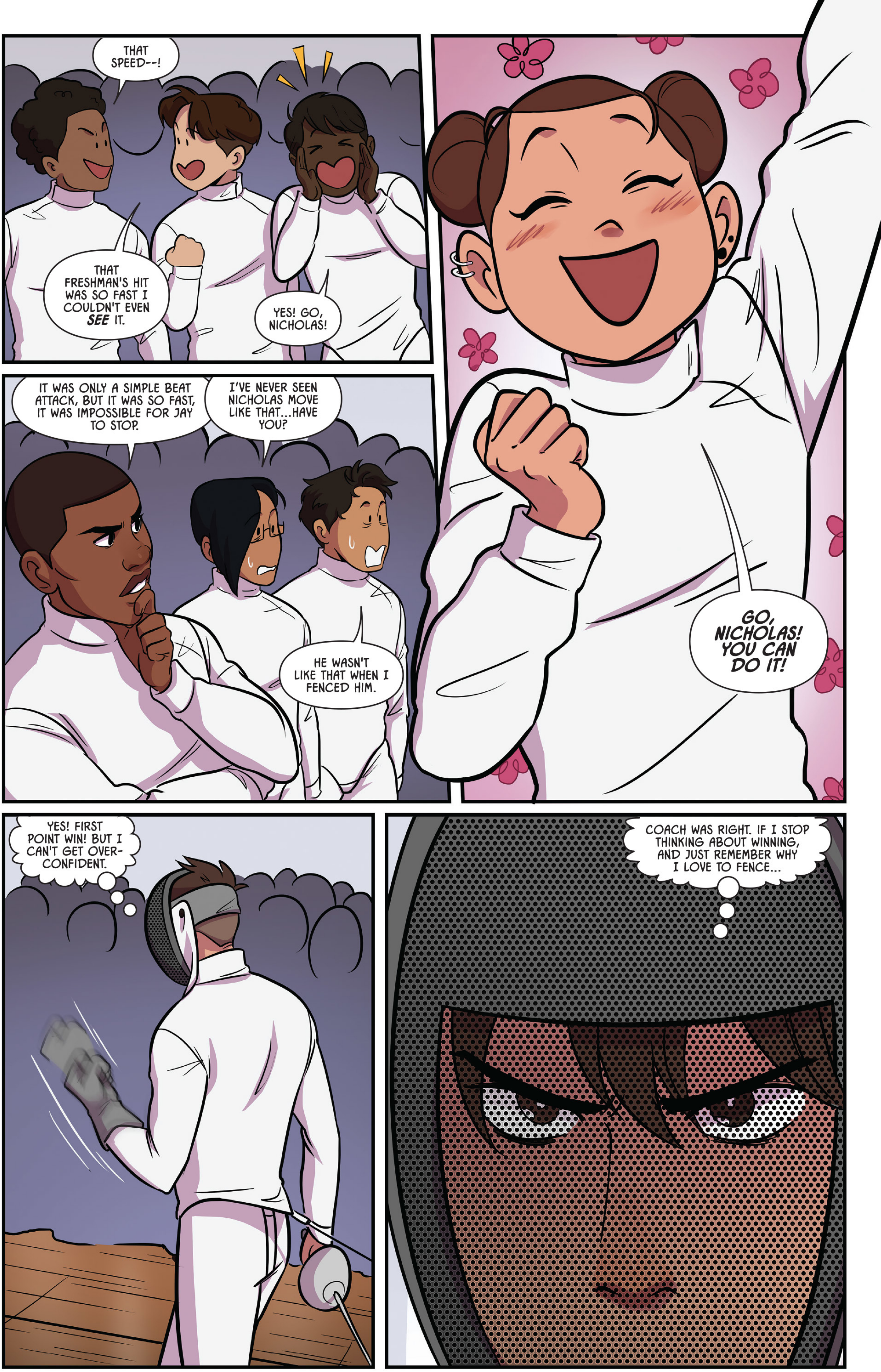
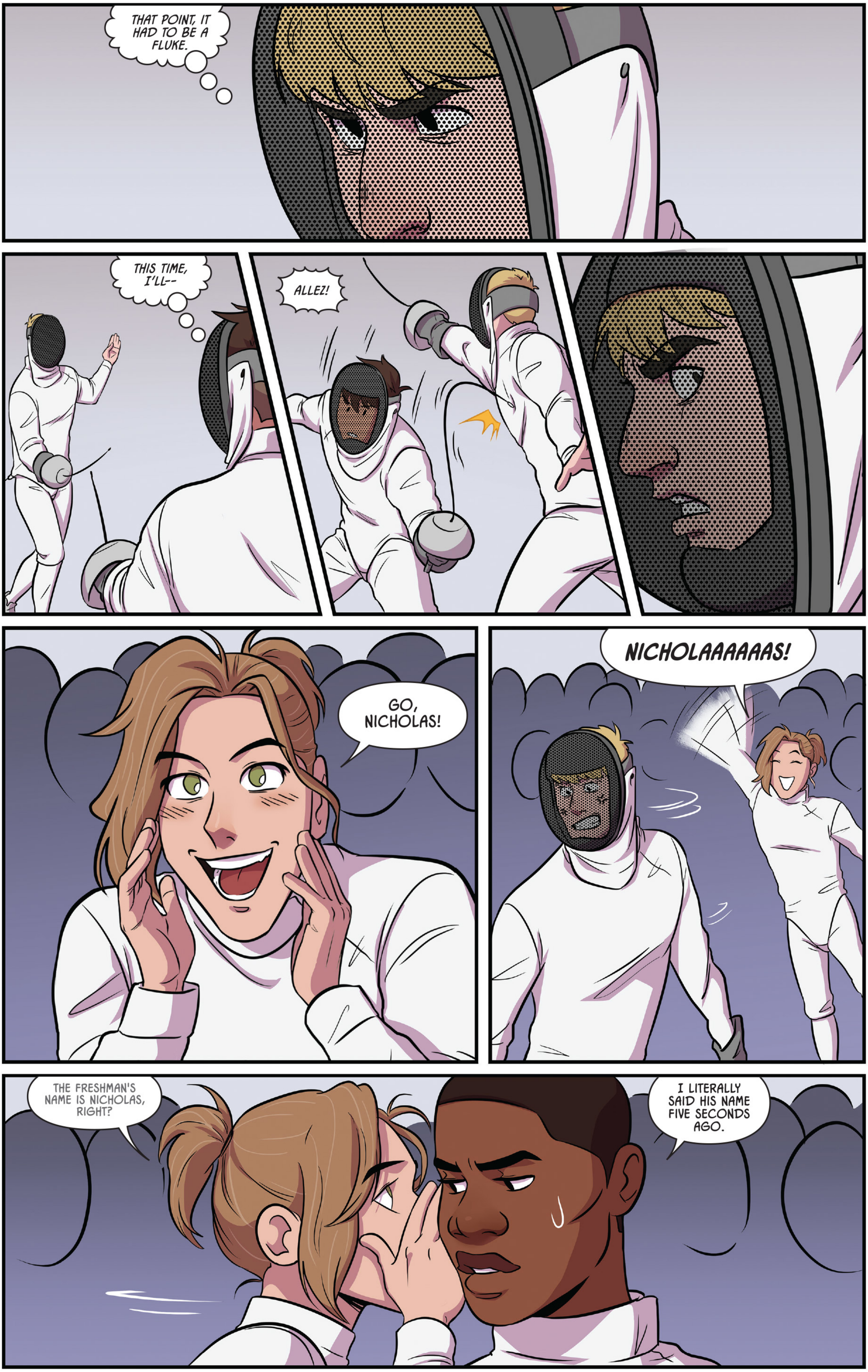
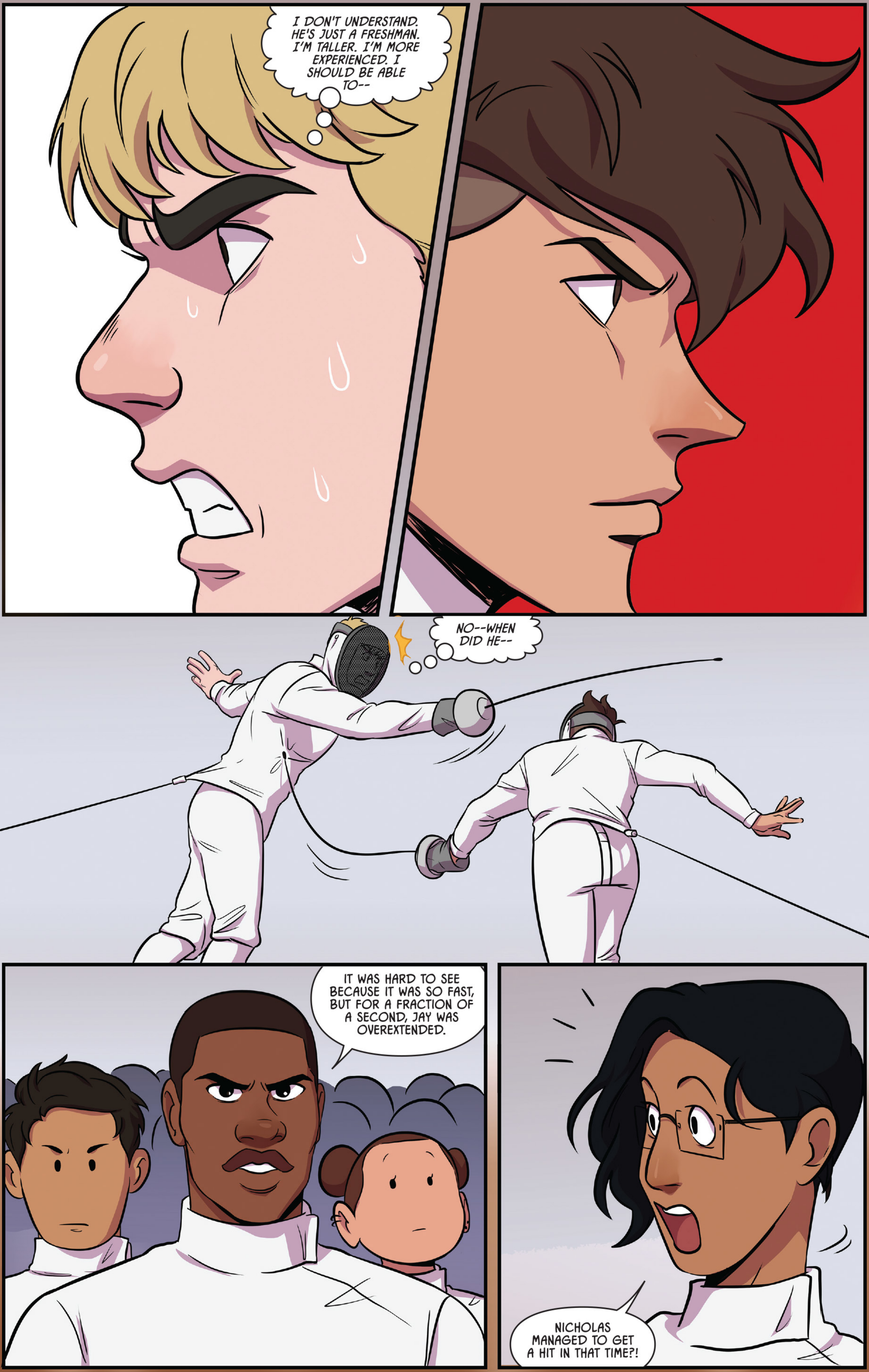
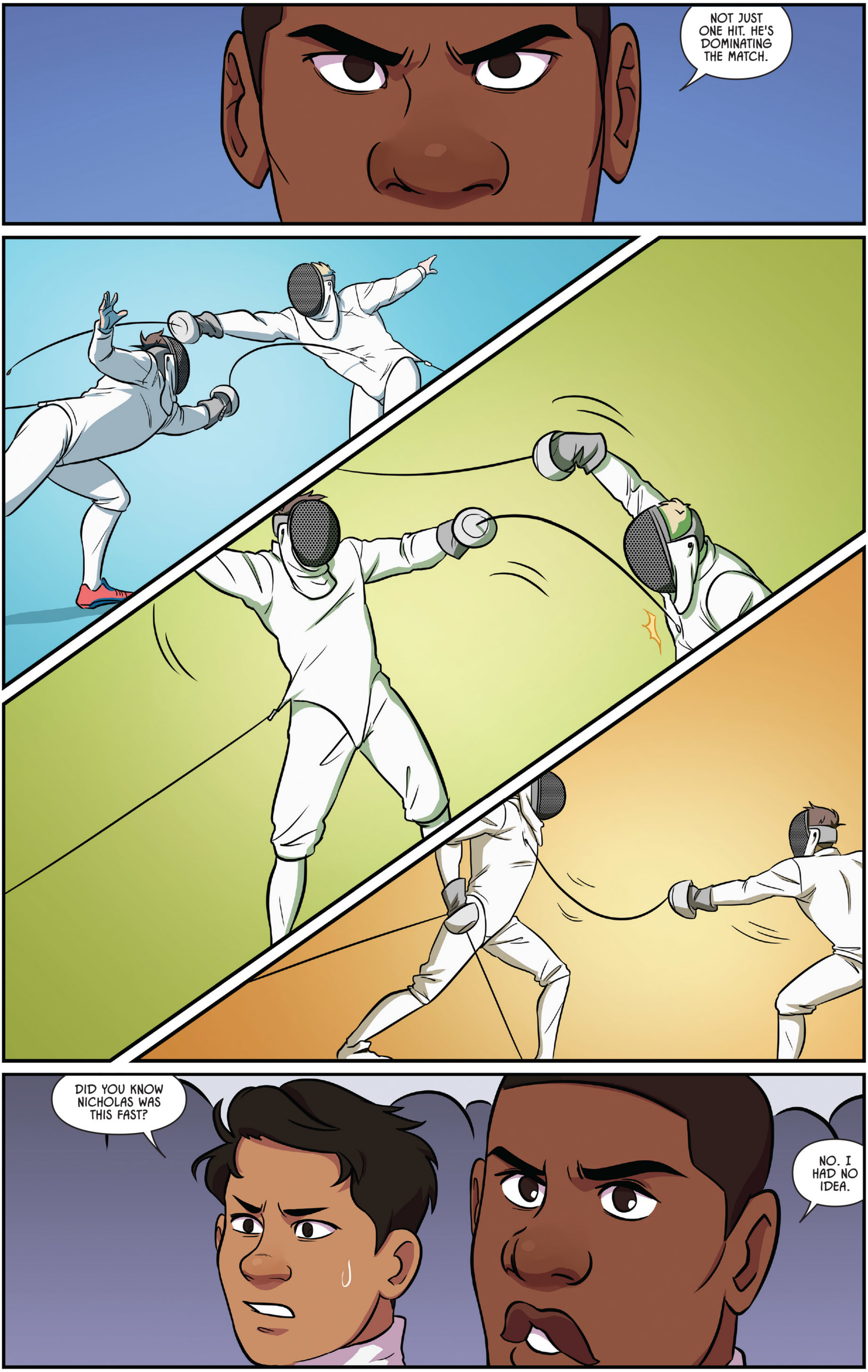
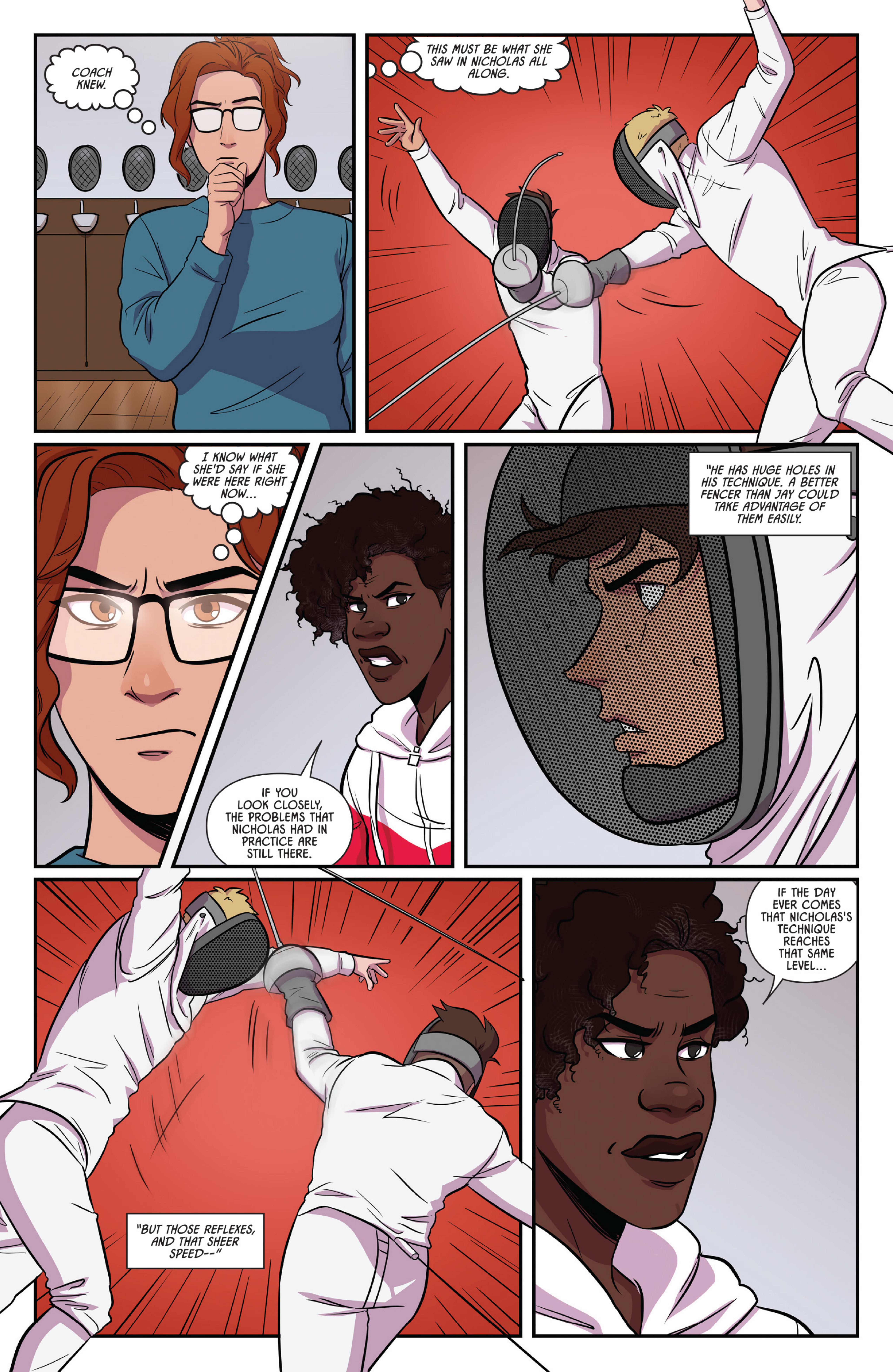
DID YOU...SEE THAT?
NICHOLAS'S HIT?!

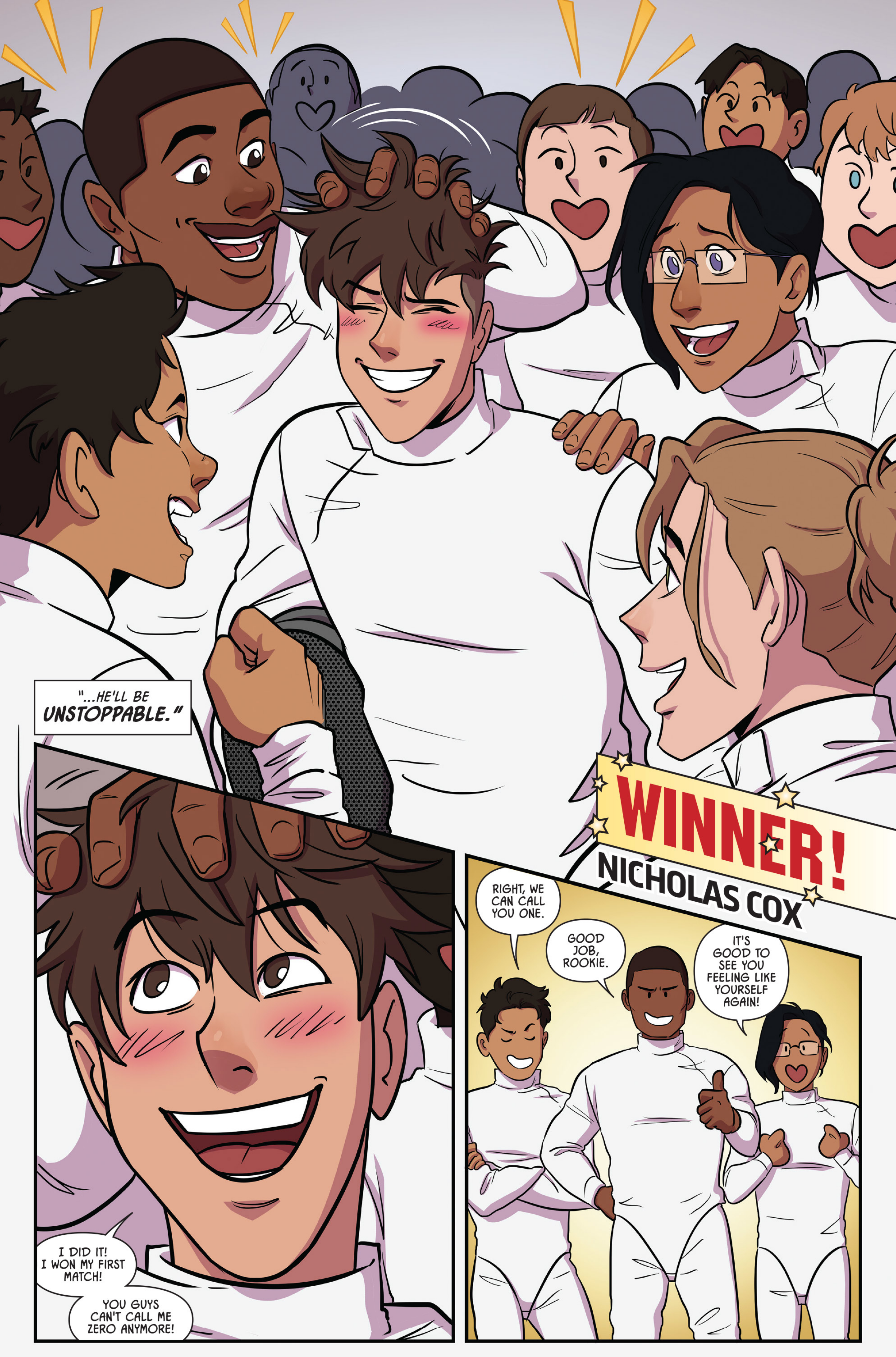

THAT SPEED--!
THAT FRESHMAN'S HIT WAS SO FAST I COULDN'T EVEN *SEE* IT.
YES! GO, NICHOLAS!
IT WAS ONLY A SIMPLE BEAT ATTACK, BUT IT WAS SO FAST, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR JAY TO STOP.
I'VE NEVER SEEN NICHOLAS MOVE LIKE THAT...HAVE YOU?
HE WASN'T LIKE THAT WHEN I FENCED HIM.
GO, NICHOLAS! YOU CAN DO IT!
YES! FIRST POINT WIN! BUT I CAN'T GET OVER-CONFIDENT.
COACH WAS RIGHT. IF I STOP THINKING ABOUT WINNING, AND JUST REMEMBER WHY I LOVE TO FENCE...

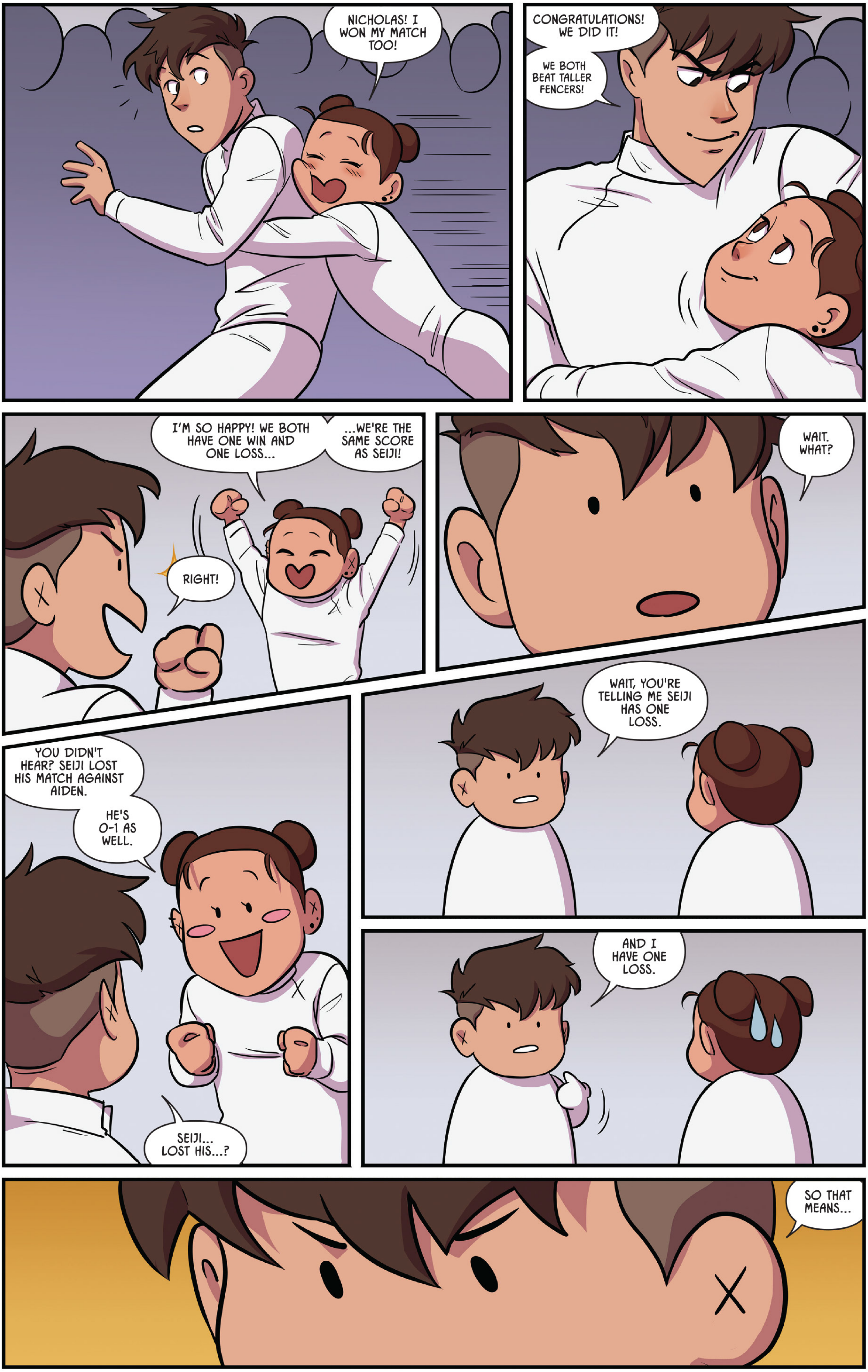

THAT POINT, IT HAD TO BE A FLUKE.
THIS TIME, I'LL--
ALLEZ!
GO, NICHOLAS!
NICHOLAAAAAAS!
THE FRESHMAN'S NAME IS NICHOLAS, RIGHT?
I LITERALLY SAID HIS NAME FIVE SECONDS AGO.

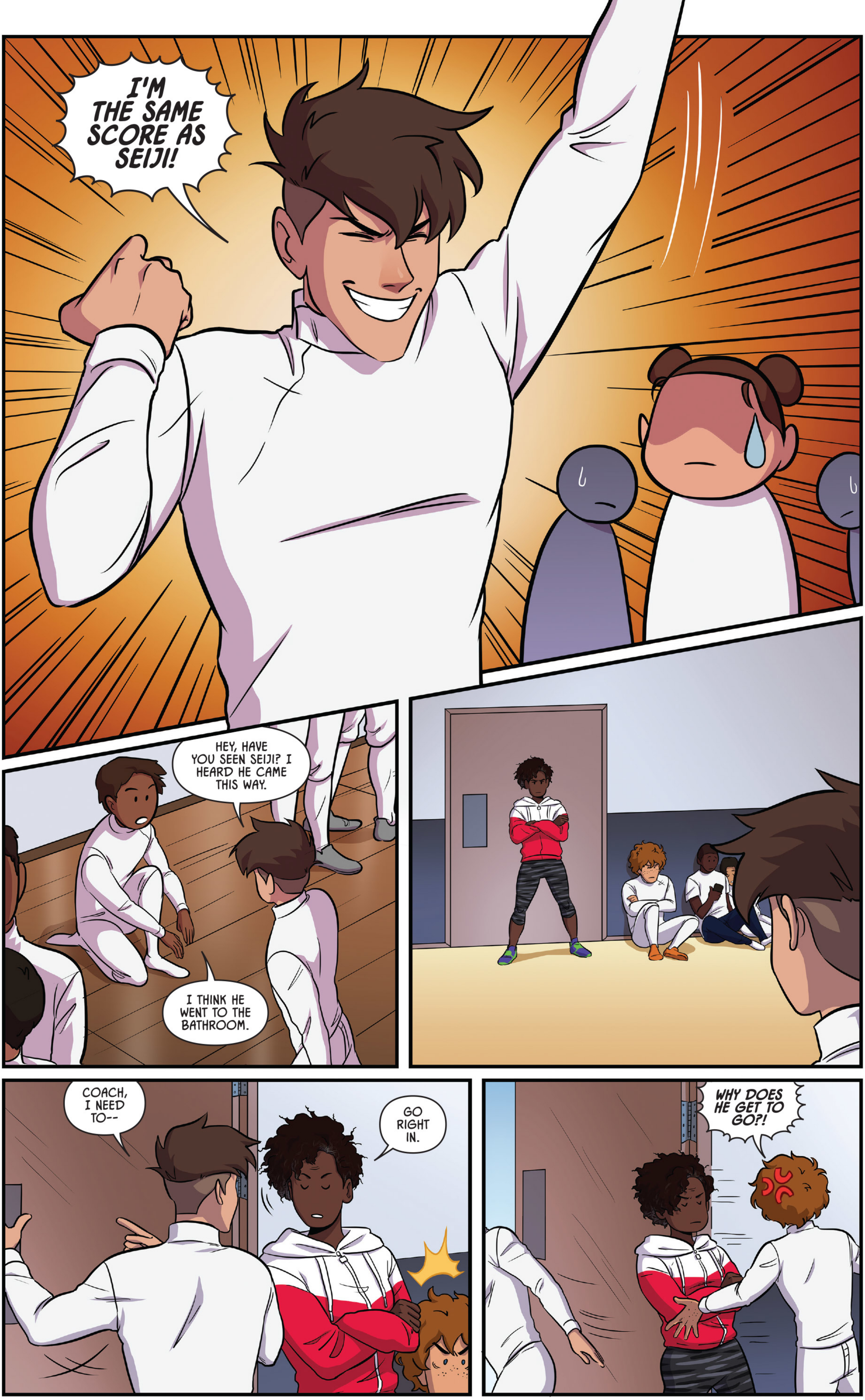

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. HE'S JUST A FRESHMAN. I'M TALLER. I'M MORE EXPERIENCED. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO--
NO--WHEN DID HE--
IT WAS HARD TO SEE BECAUSE IT WAS SO FAST, BUT FOR A FRACTION OF A SECOND, JAY WAS OVEREXTENDED.
NICHOLAS MANAGED TO GET A HIT IN THAT TIME?!

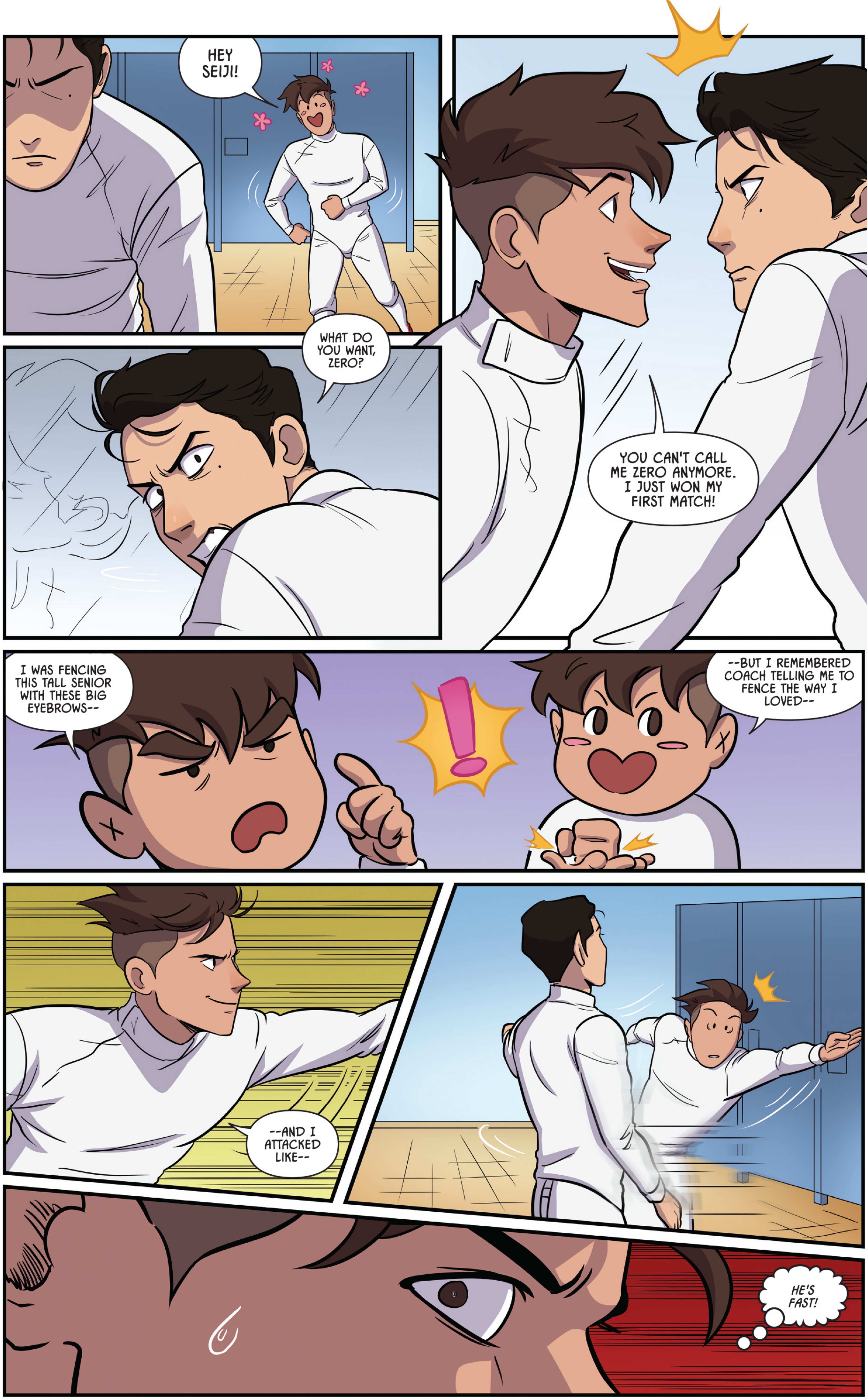

NOT JUST ONE HIT. HE'S DOMINATING THE MATCH.
DID YOU KNOW NICHOLAS WAS THIS FAST?
NO. I HAD NO IDEA.


COACH KNEW.
THIS MUST BE WHAT SHE SAW IN NICHOLAS ALL ALONG.
I KNOW WHAT SHE'D SAY IF SHE WERE HERE RIGHT NOW...
IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, THE PROBLEMS THAT NICHOLAS HAD IN PRACTICE ARE STILL THERE.
"HE HAS HUGE HOLES IN HIS TECHNIQUE. A BETTER FENCER THAN JAY COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM EASILY.
"BUT THOSE REFLEXES, AND THAT SHEER SPEED--"
IF THE DAY EVER COMES THAT NICHOLAS'S TECHNIQUE REACHES THAT SAME LEVEL...


"...HE'LL BE UNSTOPPABLE."
WINNER!
NICHOLAS COX
I DID IT! I WON MY FIRST MATCH!
YOU GUYS CAN'T CALL ME ZERO ANYMORE!
RIGHT, WE CAN CALL YOU ONE.
GOOD JOB, ROOKIE.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU FEELING LIKE YOURSELF AGAIN!


NICHOLAS! I WON MY MATCH TOO!
CONGRATULATIONS! WE DID IT!
WE BOTH BEAT TALLER FENCERS!
I'M SO HAPPY! WE BOTH HAVE ONE WIN AND ONE LOSS...
...WE'RE THE SAME SCORE AS SEIJI!
RIGHT!
WAIT. WHAT?
WAIT, YOU'RE TELLING ME SEIJI HAS ONE LOSS.
YOU DIDN'T HEAR? SEIJI LOST HIS MATCH AGAINST AIDEN.
HE'S 0-1 AS WELL.
SEIJI... LOST HIS...?
AND I HAVE ONE LOSS.
SO THAT MEANS...


I'M THE SAME SCORE AS SEIJI!
HEY, HAVE YOU SEEN SEIJI? I HEARD HE CAME THIS WAY.
I THINK HE WENT TO THE BATHROOM.
COACH, I NEED TO--
GO RIGHT IN.
WHY DOES HE GET TO GO?!


HEY SEIJI!
WHAT DO YOU WANT, ZERO?
YOU CAN'T CALL ME ZERO ANYMORE. I JUST WON MY FIRST MATCH!
I WAS FENCING THIS TALL SENIOR WITH THESE BIG EYEBROWS--
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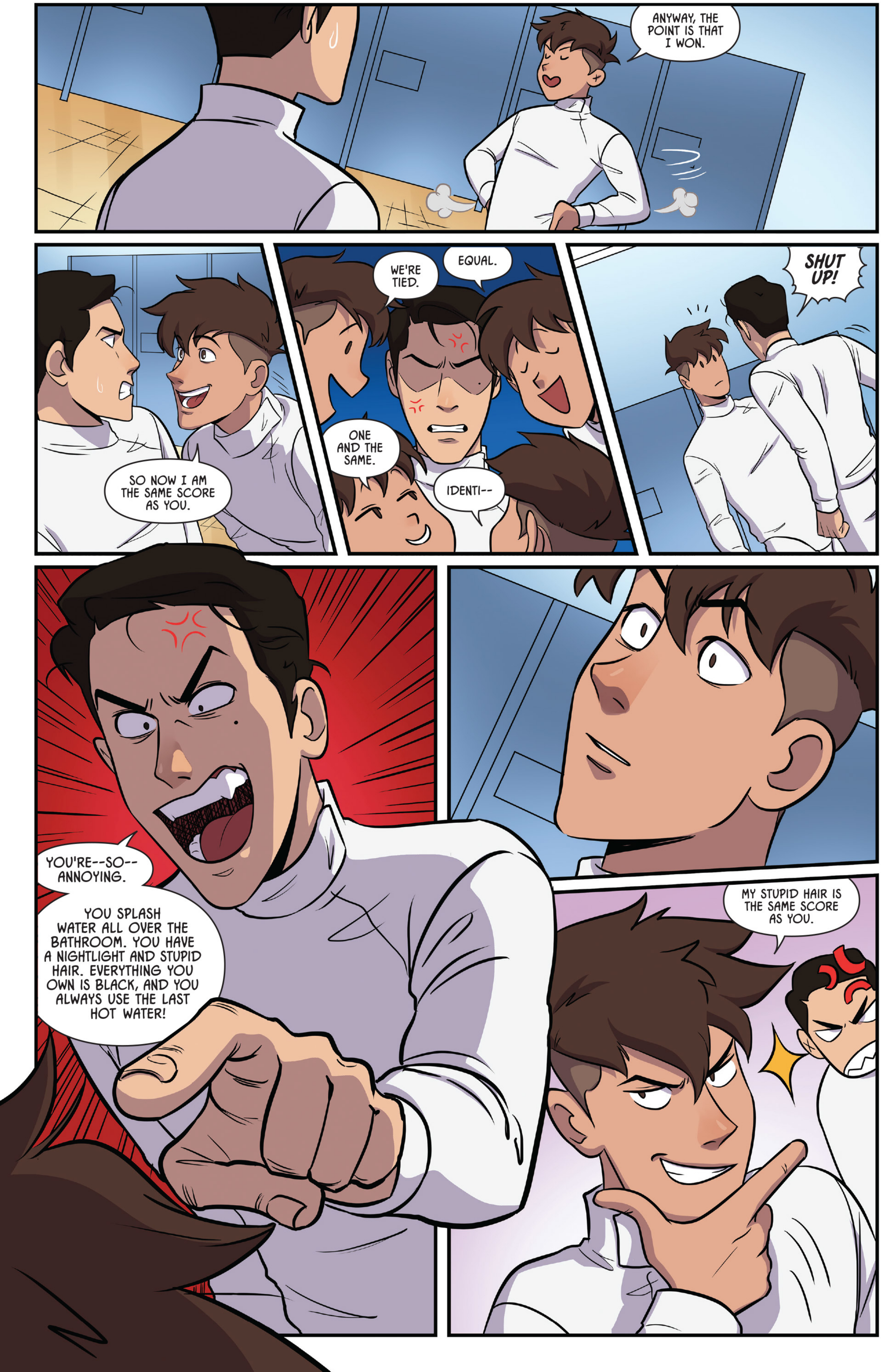
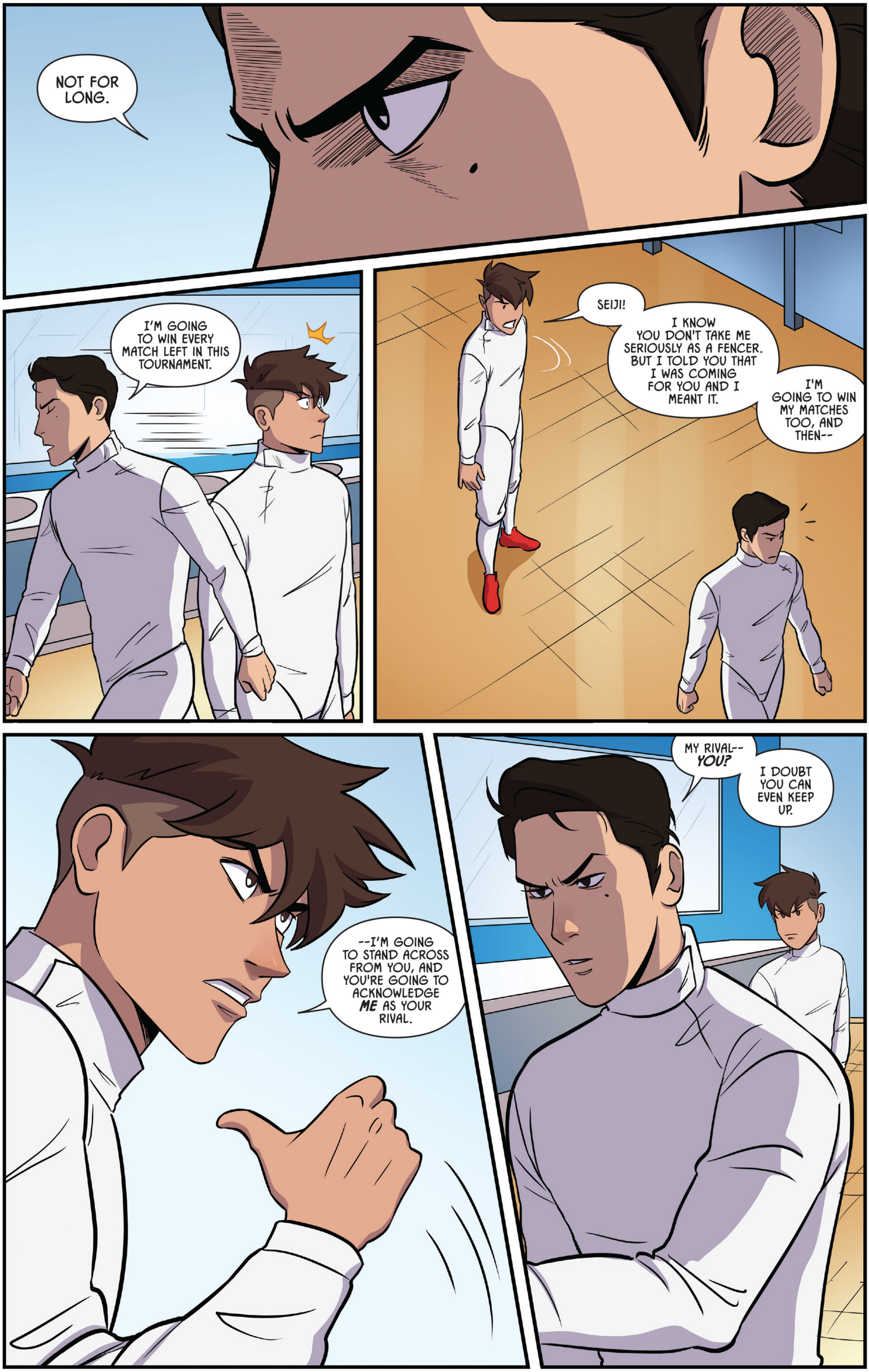
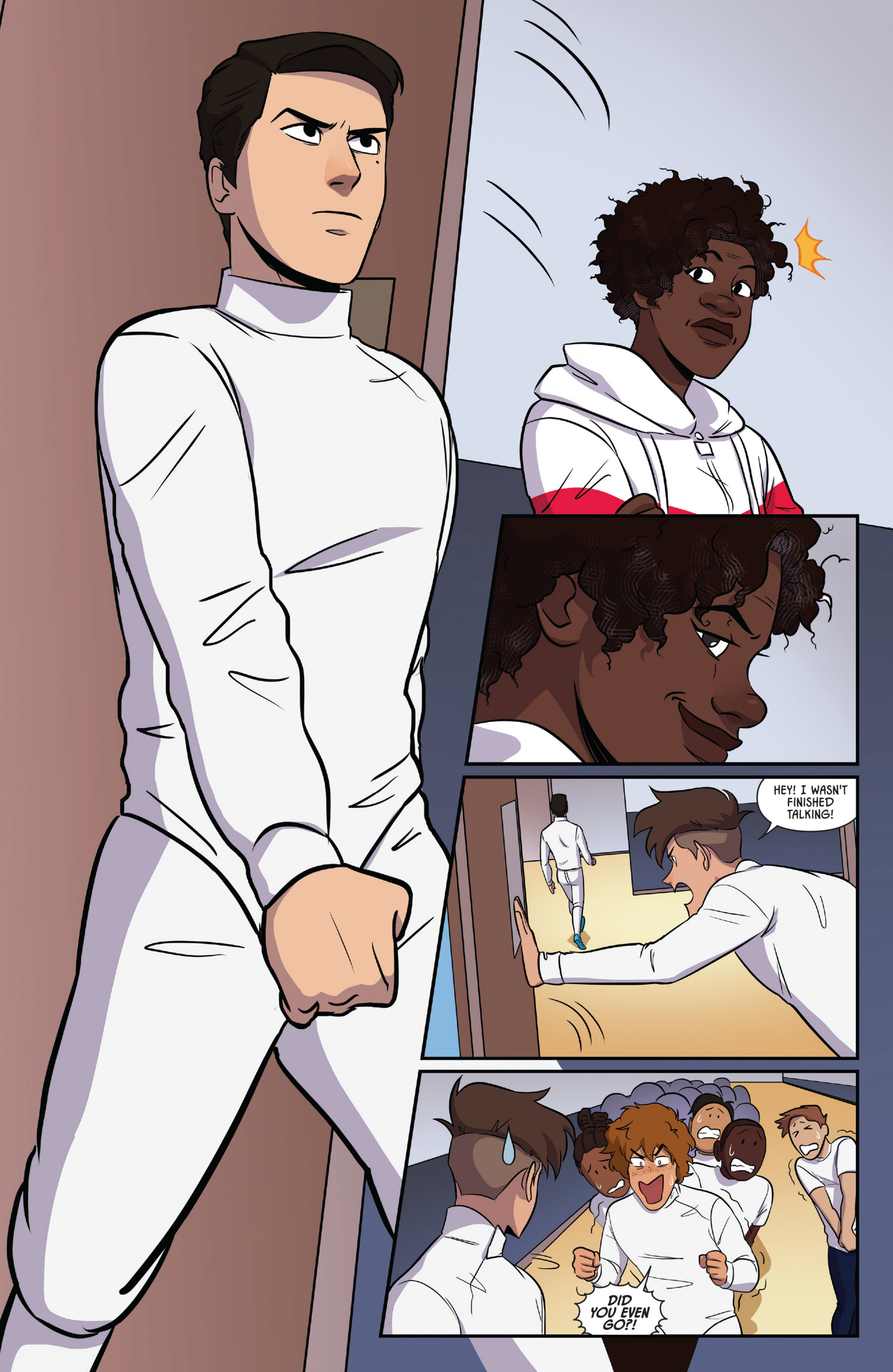
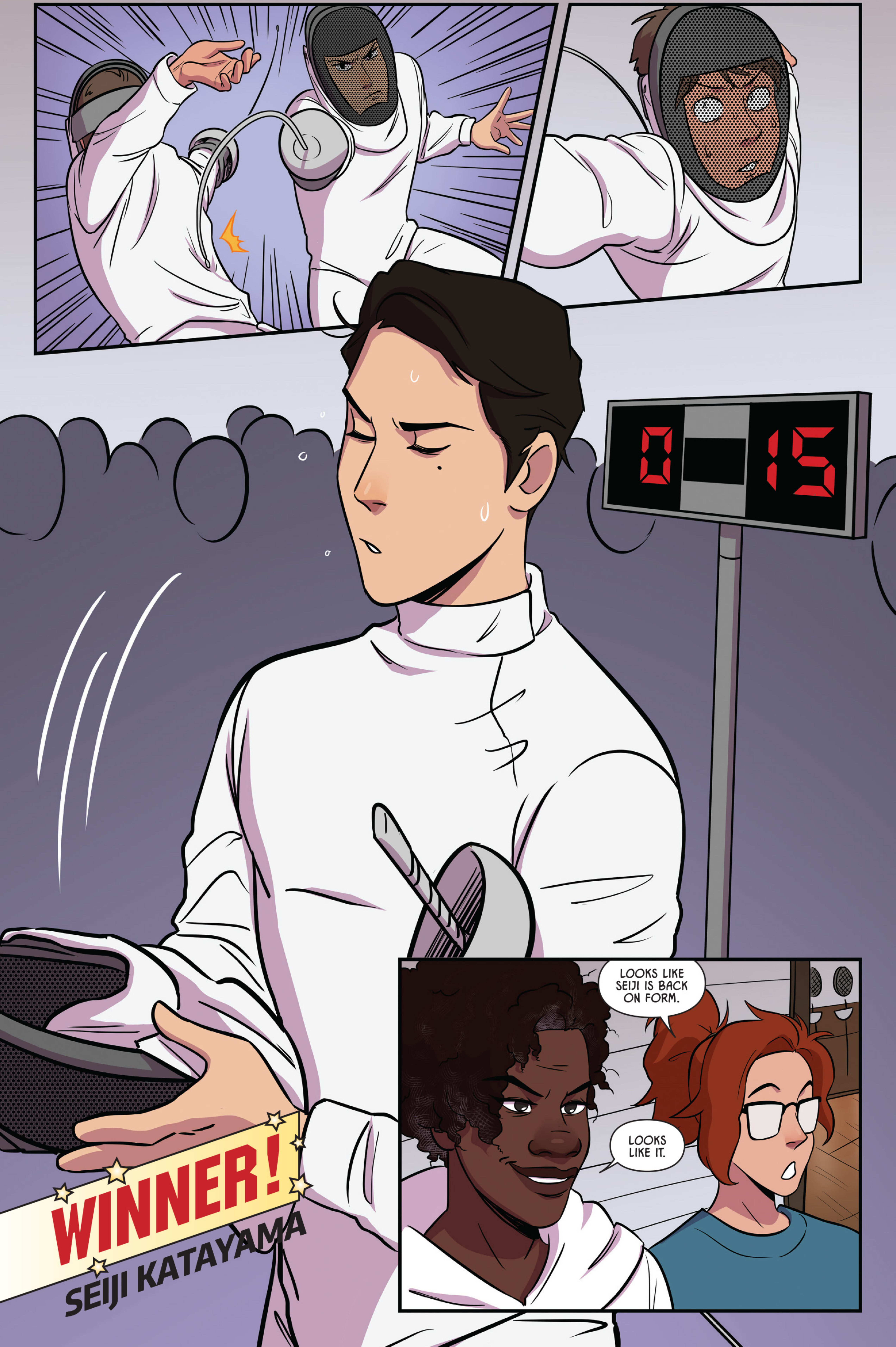
--BUT I REMEMBERED COACH TELLING ME TO FENCE THE WAY I LOVED--
--AND I ATTACKED LIKE--
HE'S FAST!


ANYWAY, THE POINT IS THAT I WON.
SO NOW I AM THE SAME SCORE AS YOU.
WE'RE TIED.
EQUAL.
ONE AND THE SAME.
IDENTI--
SHUT UP!
YOU'RE--SO--ANNOYING.
YOU SPLASH WATER ALL OVER THE BATHROOM. YOU HAVE A NIGHTLIGHT AND STUPID HAIR. EVERYTHING YOU OWN IS BLACK, AND YOU ALWAYS USE THE LAST HOT WATER!
MY STUPID HAIR IS THE SAME SCORE AS YOU.


NOT FOR LONG.
I'M GOING TO WIN EVERY MATCH LEFT IN THIS TOURNAMENT.
SEIJI!
I KNOW YOU DON'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY AS A FENCER. BUT I TOLD YOU THAT I WAS COMING FOR YOU AND I MEANT IT.
I'M GOING TO WIN MY MATCHES TOO, AND THEN--
--I'M GOING TO STAND ACROSS FROM YOU, AND YOU'RE GOING TO ACKNOWLEDGE **ME** AS YOUR RIVAL.
MY RIVAL-- ***YOU?***
I DOUBT YOU CAN EVEN KEEP UP.


HEY! I WASN'T FINISHED TALKING!
DID YOU EVEN GO?!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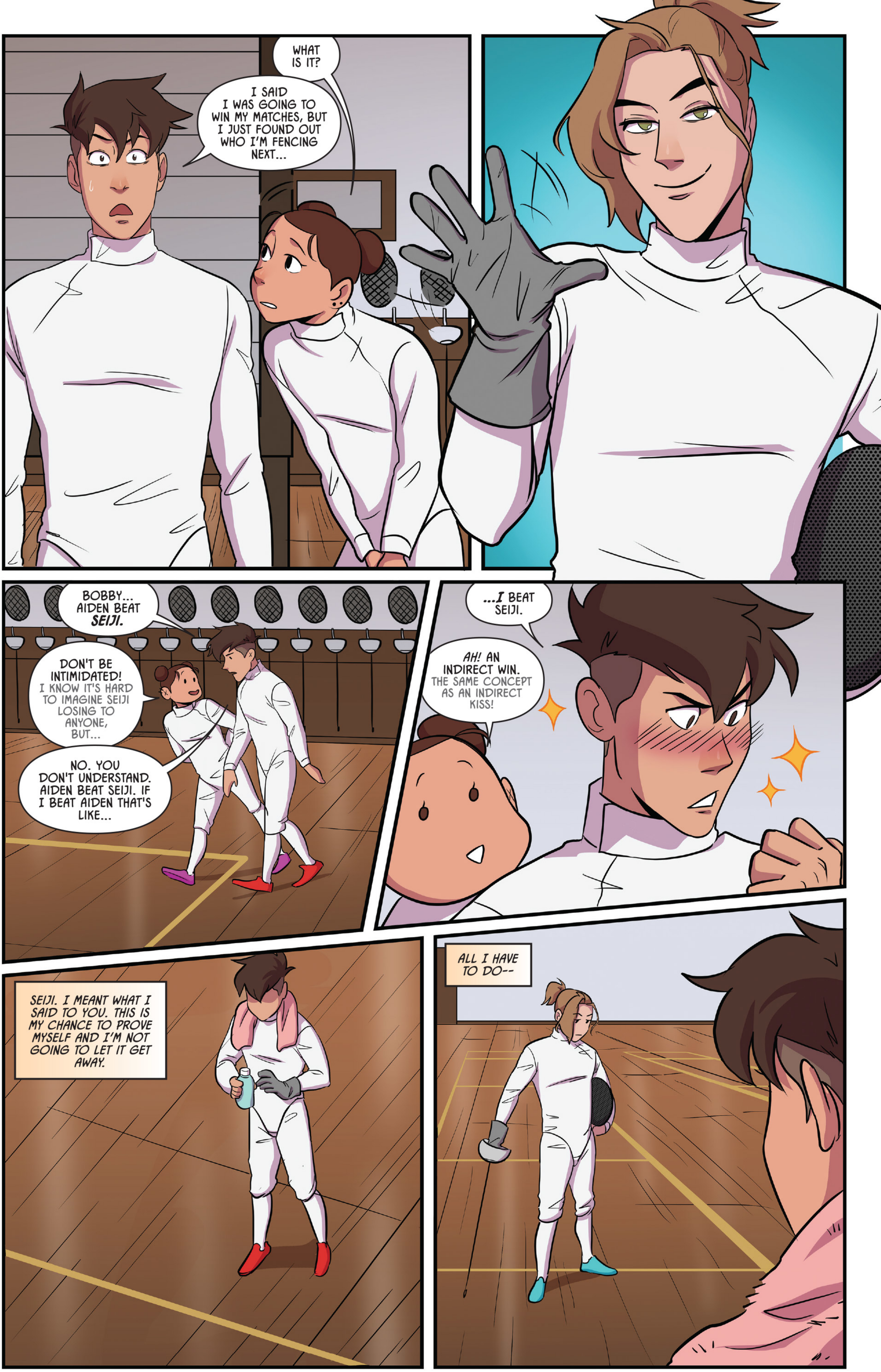
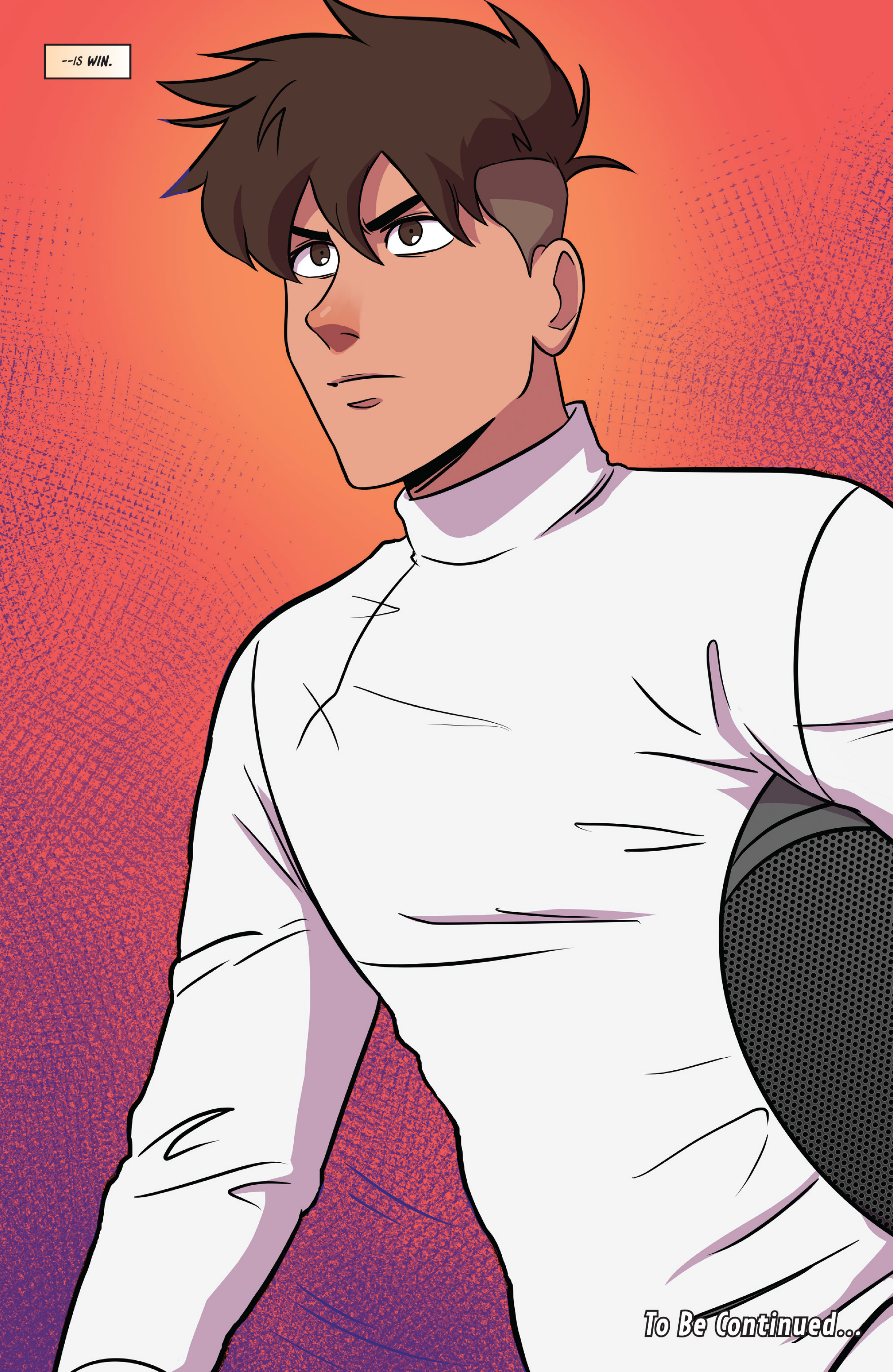
LOOKS LIKE SEIJI IS BACK ON FORM.
LOOKS LIKE IT.
WINNER!
SEIJI KATAYAMA


WHAT IS IT?
I SAID I WAS GOING TO WIN MY MATCHES, BUT I JUST FOUND OUT WHO I'M FENCING NEXT...
BOBBY... AIDEN BEAT **SEIJI.**
DON'T BE INTIMIDATED! I KNOW IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE SEIJI LOSING TO ANYONE, BUT...
NO. YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. AIDEN BEAT SEIJI. IF I BEAT AIDEN THAT'S LIKE...
...*I* BEAT SEIJI.
AH! AN INDIRECT WIN. THE SAME CONCEPT AS AN INDIRECT KISS!
SEIJI. I MEANT WHAT I SAID TO YOU. THIS IS MY CHANCE TO PROVE MYSELF AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET IT GET AWAY.
ALL I HAVE TO DO--


--IS WIN.
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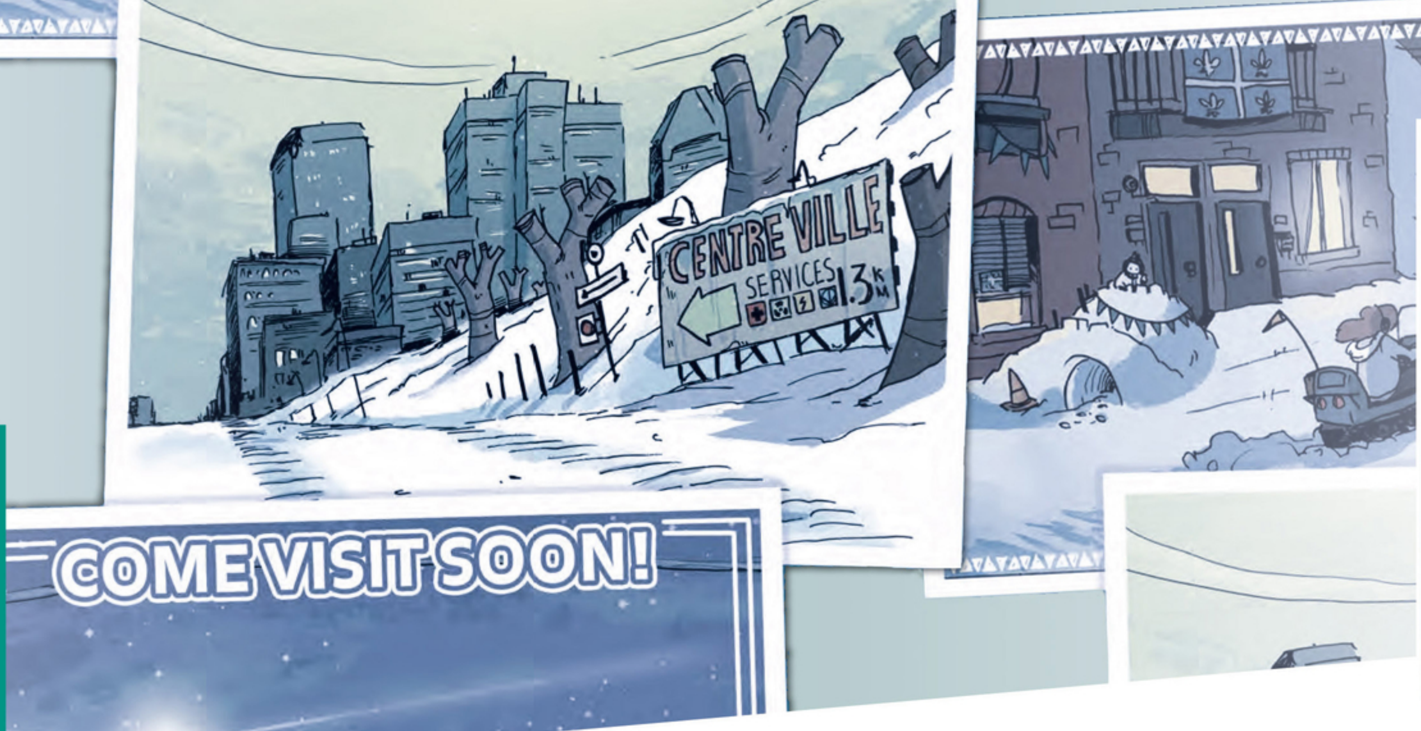


It's been nine years since an accident at a nuclear power plant plunged Montreal into an eternal, radioactive winter. Life goes on for folks like Flavie Beaumont, a mail courier on snowmobile who's carved out a pretty normal life for herself despite mutant rivals, eclectic urban wildlife, and unrelenting meteorological events of unprecedented force. It turns out surviving nuclear winter is hard . . . but surviving your twenties is even harder!

CAB
Nuclear Winter
VOLUME ONE

Cover by
Cab

Cab
Writer/Artist

How did you come up with the idea for Nuclear Winter?

Cab: I was walking to the subway in 2012, just around the time when the snow starts to melt for good at the end of winter. I noticed how dirty the sidewalks were this time of year and thought how much worse it'd be with longer winters—endless winters! And in an instant, the idea of a "nuclear winter" caused by some freak accident at a nuclear power plant just popped in my mind. We have such a complicated relationship with the cold season here that I knew there was something to go on about with this concept.

Tell us a little about the characters we'll meet.

Cab: Flavie is the protagonist of the series. She's a 28-year-old veteran snowmobile courier, a bit of a loner, and deeply attached to her hometown. Couriers are essential in a city where transports are paralyzed by snow and she takes her job very seriously. Too much maybe?

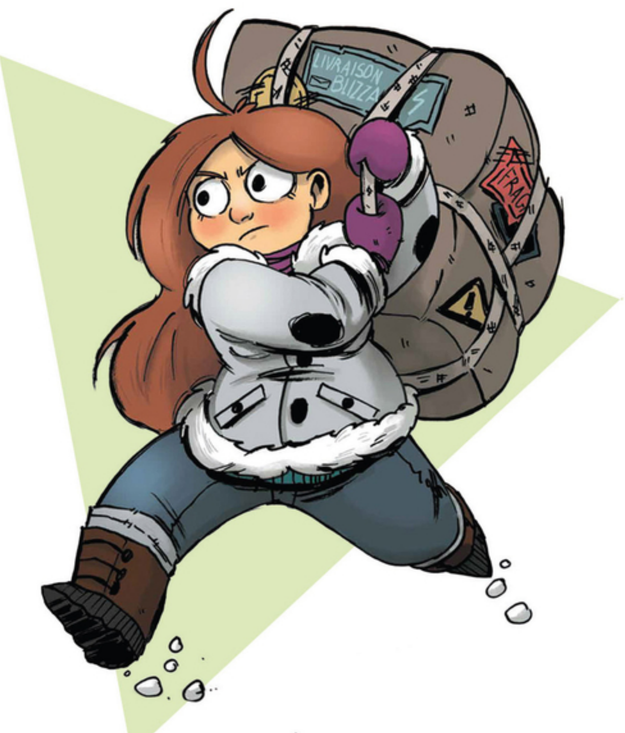
Her best friend and coworker is Léonie, who is a lot more easygoing and is desperately trying to get Flavie out of her routine. During one of Flavie's deliveries, she meets Marco, a handsome and popular socialite whose only job is to be "cool," a concept that Flavie finds completely foreign. And to top it off, there's Marco's despicable girlfriend, Jenny. She's just...terrible.

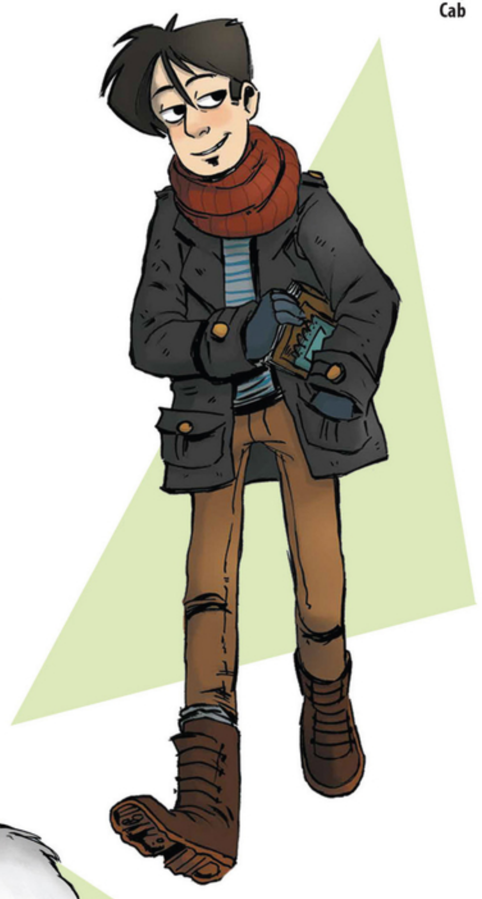
Which character do you relate to the most?

Cab: I'm a true Montreal inner-city kid, like Flavie, so she's my voice in the story. A lot of people tell me they can "hear me" when they read her dialogue, which I take as a compliment! I absolutely despise winter, but I don't think Flavie is thrilled about her situation either. She's just very resilient and waits it out, like all of us do each year!

Do you think you could survive a nuclear winter? What kind of radioactive mutation would you hope to have?

Cab: If we forget the fact that my definition of nuclear winter is anything but plausible or scientifically accurate, I guess that yes, I'd probably accept my fate and persist on and on. Since I'm constantly holed up inside drawing comics, I'd be okay as long as I got supplies and the internet! Part of me would like an extra arm or two, to multitask even more (and eventually drive myself crazy). As long as I don't grow fur or more eyes, I'm fine with anything! ■





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MECH CADET YU
VOLUME ONE
"Back this one with confidence!" —BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS (ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN)

Cover by
Takeshi Miyazawa

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Every year, giant robots from outer space come to Earth and bond with cadets at Sky Corps Academy to protect the planet. But this year, one of the mechs bonds with Stanford Yu, a boy working with his mom as a janitor at Sky Corps. Stanford has the opportunity of a lifetime, but he'll first have to earn the trust of his classmates if he's to defend the planet from the monstrous Sharg. Collects issues #1-4!

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CELEBRATE 50 ISSUES OF FRIENDSHIP

What better way to celebrate 50 issues of adventures at Miss Qiunzella Thiskwin Penniquiqul Thistle Crumpet's camp for hardcore lady-types than an oversized anniversary issue?

April, Mal and Ripley make several very cool (and also pretty gross) discoveries deep in the tunnels beneath the Mess Hall. Meanwhile, Jo and Molly join Emily, Diane, and the Zodiac cabin for a fun and totally chill game of TOTAL WORLD CONQUEST!

INCLUDES A SPECIAL STORY ILLUSTRATED BY LUMBERJANES CO-CREATOR
BROOKLYN ALLEN!

> "I'M HUMBLED EVERY DAY BY THE CHANCE THAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN BECAUSE READERS **EMBRACED AND LOVED** THIS SERIES AND THESE CHARACTERS."
>
> —**SHANNON WATTERS**
> LUMBERJANES CO-CREATOR

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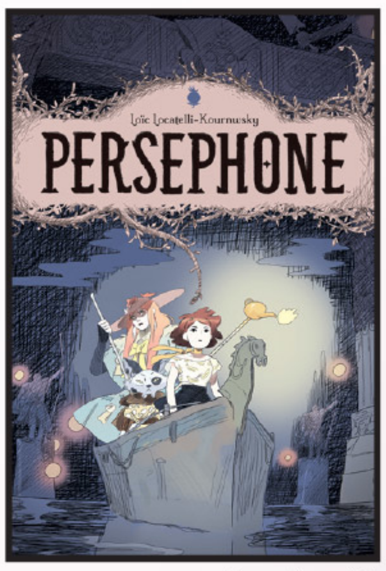
PERSEPHONE HC



Persephone HC
Loïc Locatelli-Kournwsky

Inspired by Greek mythology and the works of Hayao Miyazaki, *Persephone* tells the story of a young girl whose search for the truth about her identity leads her on a journey deep into the Underworld.

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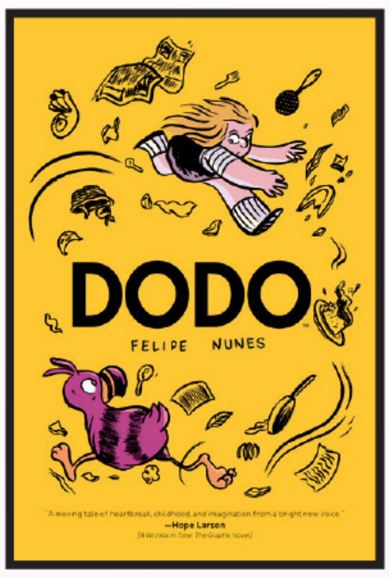
DODO SC



Dodo SC
Felipe Nunes

As six-year-old Laila struggles to understand her parents' divorce, she befriends a strange bird named Ralph. But when this Dodo starts causing trouble, she'll have to learn to stand on her own.

DODO SC
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CORNELIA TZANA
PUBLICITY ASSISTANT

Currently Watching: *Bunheads.*

Currently Reading: *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo.

Favorite Item on Desk: *Haikyuu!* Poster - a present from fellow marketing assistant/deskmate Cat O'Grady.

Most Famous Person I've Met: Auli'i Cravalho

Movie I Can Quote By Heart: *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*

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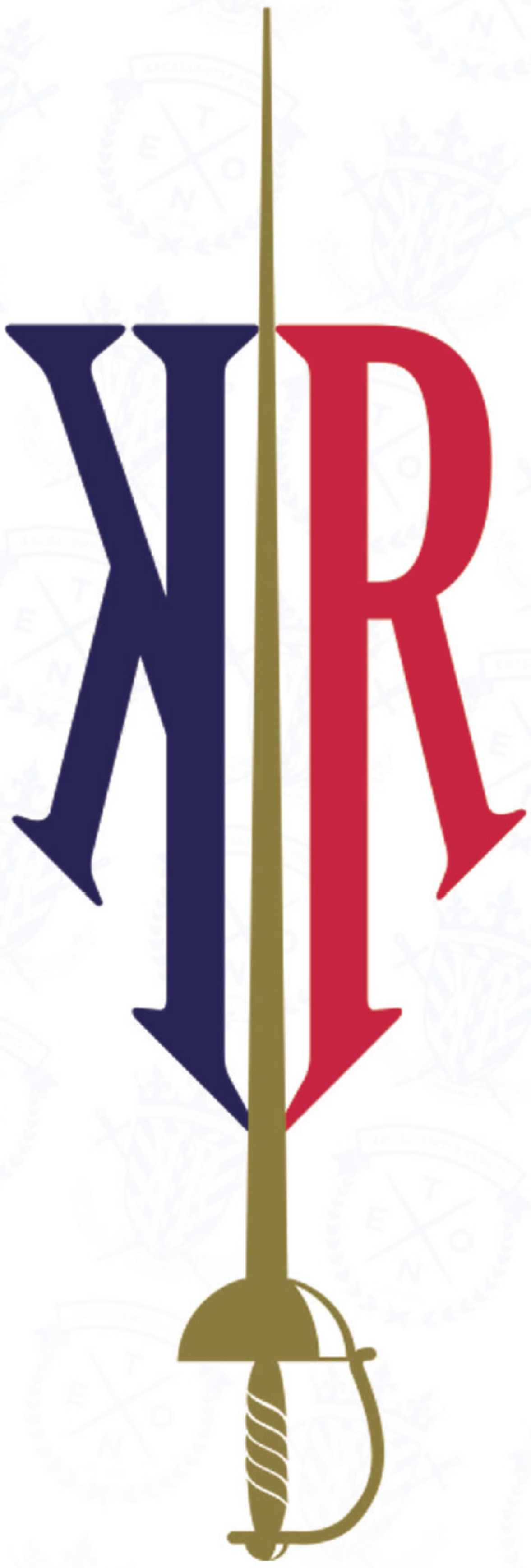

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